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RE: East Hennepin Site

Dear Ms. Romano:

This will address your request for a response by General Mills to the additional remedial action proposed for the East Hennepin Site ("Site") by the MPCA. Two of the major issues that you proposed included that the Site be redesigned to attain a five (5) part per billion ("ppb") clean up level for TCE and that options relating to source remediation be evaluated.

General Mills remains committed to working with the MPCA to resolve the environmental issues at this Site. Indeed, General Mills has diligently pursued the remedial actions approved by the Agency in the Consent Order.

We, along with our engineering firm, are presently studying the Agency's most recent request. As you are aware, this request poses significant technical issues because it represents a real departure from the clean up goals that were ordered in the Consent Order. A five (5) ppb clean up level, applicable to public drinking water supplies under Federal regulations, is well below the clean up levels agreed to in the Consent Order. Moreover, source remediation is a totally new approach at this Site.

Again, General Mills wants to work with the Agency to achieve an appropriate clean-up level at the Site. However before a specific proposal can be made General Mills will consult with its engineering firm in order to study the application of available technologies to the hydrogeological conditions at the Site. We have asked our engineering firm to have the results of these preliminary studies available by March 15, 1995 so we can meet with you shortly thereafter. We trust that this ambitious schedule is acceptable to the Agency.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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